

REMARKS

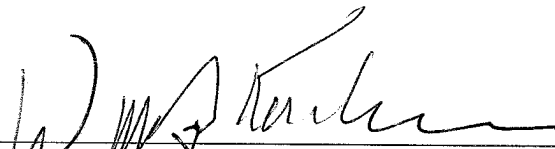
Applicant respectfully requests entry of the preceding amendments to the specification and claims. The amendments to the claims are only intended to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. practice and not for reasons of patentability.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any required fees or credit any overpayments in this application to Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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